GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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HIGH COURT BENCH AT MADURAI
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High Court Bench at Madurai of Madras High Court has started functioning;

(b) if so, the number of cases civil and criminal, etc. transferred to Madurai bench and the jurisdiction of the Madurai Bench;

(c) the number of them which are more than three/five and more than five years old; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to dispose the old cases?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): The jurisdiction of the Madurai Bench extends to the Districts of Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli, Tuticorin, Madurai, Dindugal, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar, Sivaganga, Pudukkottai, Thanjavur, Nagapattinam, Tiruchirappalli, Perambalur and Karur in Tamil Nadu. The position regarding number of cases transferred to Madurai Bench and those pending for more than 3/5 years is as under:

The total number of cases transferred to Madurai	Civil	Criminal	Total
Bench on 24.7.2004	16337	2987	19324
No. of Cases pending for more than 3 years	10483	1225	11708
No. of Cases pending for more than 5 years	7300	638	7938

(d); The High Court has given priority to Senior Citizen Cases, Cases involving pension benefits, Criminal Cases in which the accused are in prison, Motor Accidents Claims Cases, Educational matters and the Cases relating to Claims in Land Acquisition matters are grouped and disposed of. In the said cases wherever possible they are referred to Lok Adalat for disposal.